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Synopsis: (U) Letter from Congressman Paul D. Tonko dated 01/31/2022, regarding recent press coverage that the FBI may have shielded Shahed Hussain, the owner of Prestige Limousine, from legal consequences following a deadly transportation accident because of his prior service as a confidential informant, and Congressman Tonko is requesting documents and communications relating to the events of 10/06/2018.

Information only copies sent via email to the Deputy Director, Associate Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Special Counsel to the Director, Special Assistant to the Director, [Redacted], EAD/NSB, EAD/CCRSB, IMD/RIDS, CTD, CID, CD, OPA, SAC-Albany, and [Redacted]

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deadly crash. To be clear, I am not aware of any evidence of FBI involvement on behalf of Prestige Limousine, but the families and our community deserve to hear whether these allegations hold any truth or are baseless.

I request a swift and detailed response on these allegations. Many of the victims of the Schoharie limousine crash were from my hometown of Amsterdam, New York. More than three years after the Schoharie limousine crash, the families still in mourning deserve to know the truth about these disturbing allegations as it relates to the devastating loss of their loved ones, and it is my hope and expectation that you can make this information available fully and without delay.

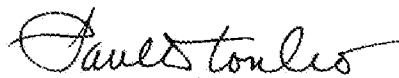
I request you provide the following materials by Monday, February 28, 2022:

1. Documents and communications related to Mr. Shahed Hussain or Prestige Limousine.
2. Documents and communications with the New York State Department of Transportation related to Mr. Shahed Hussain, Prestige Limousine, or the events of October 6, 2018.
3. Documents and communications with the New York State Police and/or the Schoharie County District Attorney's Office related to Mr. Shahed Hussain, Prestige Limousine, or the events of October 6, 2018.

Additionally, I request that you make briefers available in advance of February 28, 2022, to discuss the communications listed above. Please know that I am available to receive any classified briefings or materials as it relates to this case in a House of Representatives Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

I appreciate your engagement with the legislative branch on this issue and look forward to continuing to work productively as I and many others search for answers in this senseless tragedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Tonko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Tonko" clearly distinguishable.

Paul D. Tonko

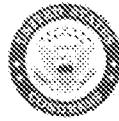
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January 31, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray,

I write to you regarding the recent and disturbing allegations concerning possible Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) intervention on behalf of Shahed Hussain, the owner of Prestige Limousine.¹

As you may be aware, on Saturday, October 6, 2018, twenty people were killed in the deadliest transportation disaster our nation has seen in almost a decade. Prestige Limousine had been contracted to transport a group of 17 passengers in an oversized 2001 Ford Excursion when the brake system failed and the driver lost control of the vehicle, struck two pedestrians, and crashed into a ditch.² Despite repeated citations from the New York State Department of Transportation, severe mechanical defects, and being ordered unserviceable a month before the crash, Prestige Limousine continued renting out this vehicle in direct violation of the law.³

Recent press coverage of this tragedy has alleged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have shielded Mr. Hussain and his family over the years from various legal consequences as a reward for Mr. Hussain's prior service as a confidential informant. According to New York Magazine reporting, when the National Transportation Safety Board addressed the public after the release of its full report on the crash, "...board members struggled to contain their fury. Much of it was directed at the Department of Transportation, which knew Prestige was a threat — the report counted 32 times the agency had interacted with the company — and failed to act."¹ These disturbing allegations are of great concern to me as well as families who lost loved ones in this

¹ <https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/limo-crash-ny-Federal-Bureau-of-Investigation-informant.html>

² <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/fbi-informant-in-terror-stings-owned-limo-in-13290392.php>

³ <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/State-DOT-s-kid-gloves-on-limo-company-13378368.php?IPID=Times-Union-limo-crash-investigations-4pack>

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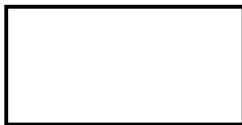
Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well.

Attached please find a letter from Congressman Paul D. Tonko to Director Christopher A. Wray.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Thank you,



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